

## NOTES FROM ILEA COUNCIL MEETINGS

### June 2016

- The Council recognized Shelley Cabelka who retired from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) with a card and a plaque.
- House File (HF) 2267: The Council heard a request for a change in the ILEA administrative rules under 501.2.1. This will bring the ILEA administrative rules in line with the HF passage. HF2267 allows cities to eliminate the state residence requirements for civil service employees.
- The 268<sup>th</sup> basic class graduated July 22, 2016. The 269<sup>th</sup> class graduated July 29, 2016.
- Budget: Because of some great class sizes, ILEA has some money left in the fiscal year budget. New purchases included safety helmets and harnesses, new mattresses and bed frames in the dorms and some computer upgrades.
- Building: After cleaning the ductwork in the building, the testing of the air quality was much better. They will continue work to improve the air quality in the entire building.
- Curriculum review: ILEA is on the final steps, which include lesson plans and test materials.
- Staff positions: ILEA will be needing to find someone with a Ph.D. to interpret MMPI and POST tests. Cyndee Davis has held that position but is retiring. She is interested in doing contract work with ILEA. The Council expressed the importance of finding someone who is properly qualified for this work.
- General Orr is offering to provide our basics the use of the medical simulator and the medical program, which will truly benefit the students.
- Chairman Gardner encouraged everyone to participate in the Blue Courage training program.

### August 2016

- Chairman Gardner introduced SSG Rachel Buck. Buck is with the Iowa National Guard Medical Simulation Training Centers, one of which is located at Camp Dodge. These centers use lighting, smoke, sounds and realistic mannequins to simulate real-world training conditions. Beginning with the next basic classes, ILEA will be using this training. The Guard is also opening it up to law enforcement departments within the state.
- Assistant Director of Less Lethal Electronic Devices Kim Wadding addressed the Council. ILEA Instructor Brian Thompson will become a Master TASER instructor. Because of the number of TASER-certified instructors seeking endorsement, ILEA is requesting an application and approval process for instructors, which will help the Academy determine each teacher's level of instruction.

- 270<sup>th</sup> and 271<sup>st</sup> classes look good with approximately 40 students.
- Update on ILEA administrative rule 501.2.1: Russ Rigdon will be working with the attorney's office to move forward with the paperwork to finalize the required change.
- Building: Air quality has improved. Mold levels have decreased and are at an acceptable level at this point. All dorm rooms have been cleaned to remove visible mold. The next air quality test will be in December.
- Curriculum review: A consultant has been hired to conduct a curriculum review and the contract is being refined. Requests are being made to law enforcement associations to contribute to the funding for this. ILEA will be spending \$5,000 toward the review.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2016.